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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006, Applicant responds as follows.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner contends that the present application contains 29 Species, namely, Species I to Species XXIX.

ELECTION AND REMARKS

Applicant respectfully elects Species I, which covers Figs. 2 and 3A-3B for further prosecution. Applicants respectfully contends that claims 1-7, 9, 11, 12, 16 and 37 are readable on the elected Species I.